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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

FROM:

Acting Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: Mobility Incentive Payment for Key West Bureau

1. This memorandum is for a request for approval of Mobility Incentive Payments (MIP) for employees assigned to the FBIS Key West Bureau.

2. FBIS continues to experience staffing problems at its Key West Bureau. This situation is critical because of the priority requirements for media coverage of Cuba and other Central American countries. MIP is needed as an incentive to staff the positions at the bureau. It is difficult to attract qualified employees (as well as direct-hire applicants) due to the financial hardships endured at Key West Bureau.

3. Isolation and a tourist-oriented economy create a high cost of living for FBIS employees assigned to Key West. In addition, there are limited employment opportunities for spouses, poor schools, and little social activity for long-term assignees. Key West is a pleasant place for a short visit, but not for a two-year tour.

4. If approval of MIP for Key West Bureau is delayed, it is requested the MIP be applied retroactively for the Bureau Chief-designate who is assigned to arrive circa 16 June 1986.

APPROVED:

Director of Personnel

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